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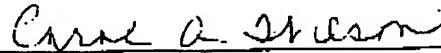
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Filed: September 29, 2003
Applicants: Sawchuk et al.
Group Art Unit: 1754
Examiner: Edward M. Johnson
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Attached please find the following documents:

- Response to Restriction Requirement
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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FOR:	A SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR LIQUEFYING)	Attorney Docket No.:
	VARIABLE SELECTED QUANTITIES OF LIGHT)	39,816-00
	HYDROCARBON GAS WITH A PLURALITY OF		
	LIGHT HYDROCARBON GAS LIQUEFACTION		
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2005, Applicants submit this Response to Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the Application. In the Office Action, the pending claims are subjected to a restriction requirement described as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-10 drawn to a method for removing a substance (acid gases) from a light hydrocarbon gas feed stream, classified in class 423, subclass 210;

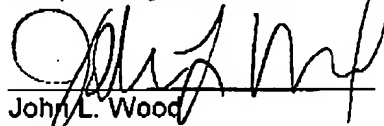
Group II – Claims 11-14 drawn to a system for dewatering a light hydrocarbon gas feed stream, classified in class 422, subclass 255; and

Group III – Claims 15-17 drawn to a method for a liquefaction process, classified in class 208, subclass 400.

Applicants elect Group III without traverse. However, Applicants do not agree with the basis supporting the restriction requirement. It is clear that all three groups of claims are directed to a method or system used for liquefaction of a light hydrocarbon gas. Other than conclusory statements to the effect that the claimed system can be used to practice a materially different process or that the process as claimed can be performed in materially different apparatus, there is no clear factual basis to support the restriction. Further, searching all of the pending claims would not be overly burdensome. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants have elected Group III without traverse in order to advance prosecution of this Application.

Applicants submit that Claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, respectfully request allowance of these claims at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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